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## Presidents Address – July & August 2020

Here we are, July & August, in the heat of the summer. I hope that all of you and your families are healthy and well and are able to enjoy some of this summer of 2020.

While things are slowly getting back to normal in our day to day lives, please use a great deal of caution so that we don't see the resurgence of this pandemic in our area, like they are seeing in places like Arizona and Florida. Because I really want to see all of you in September when and if it all goes well and it is safe, we plan on having a membership meeting at HQ. So keep your fingers crossed and your masks on and hopefully we can see you all then.

These are tough times for all, if any of our GPLA members are in the need of something or need assistance in some way, please let us know so we can see if we can be of help through GPLA or its membership.

"Lean on me when you're not strong, I'll be your friend and help to carry on." One of my favorite songs with lyrics that I for one live by.

Please say a prayer or keep in your thoughts a long time member who has passed, may you rest in peace Steve Berger. Thank you for all the contributions that you made to GPLA in the past.

Good news: things are getting rescheduled, like our convention which is all set up for the last weekend in September of 2021, and Yankee and others are following suit. Keep on the look-out for more information.

More good news: our friend and fellow GPLA brother Jim Handschuh Sr from Doorwares Associates Inc. is planning a free webinar in August. We will send out an e-blast with more information.

Have a great summer, be safe and stay healthy.

Respectfully Submitted, Your President

**Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL**

**RIDDLE ME THIS** (read the entire Newsletter to find the answer.)

Here is a good summer joke for you. Why is the letter "B" so cool?

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21  
at GPLA Headquarters

Excellent food prepared by our Master Chef "SVEN"  
Food 7:00 • Meeting 7:30

**PROGRAM TBA**

Membership Rosters and ID cards will be available  
Pin kit tickets will be issued  
Drawing for the \$100 bill.

**Membership Notes**

Life member Steve Berger #(77) past away on June 20

Steve was active in GPLA in the 1980's. He served our Association as President and Board Chairman. Steve also was a two time Hensler award recipient. May He Rest In Peace

Our Vice President Maurice has been scheduled for some serious back surgery. Keep him in your thoughts and we all hope for a complete recovery.

Your Editor wishes all a very happy summer and  
I hope you all stay safe.



I applaud any one who send in a story.

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**MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT JUNE 2020****July / August Member of the Month**

See if you can guess who we are spotlighting this month. Here are some helpful hints.

1. He is very intelligent with a high IQ and degrees.
2. He is a member whom has been very involved with GPLA from day one of joining.
3. He has proven himself as a good friend to his fellow members and would do almost anything he could to help out.
4. Education is his thing. Always learning and growing, taking all the courses he can.
5. His hair during this pandemic reminds me of Albert Einstein.
6. He never says "No" when it's really important.
7. He's been a faithful and dedicated member since November 2011.
8. His M.O. is not only his initials but also kindness, compassion, considerate, helpful, smart, friendly, empathetic and caring, dedicated, I could go on and on with more of his M.O., but I'll just finish by saying he is a real great guy.

Yes, we think you are one of the best my friend, keep up the good work member #296. Thank you for your contributions to GPLA. Kudo's to you Mr. M.O..

If you've figured it out, shout out his name and you might be next.

Respectfully Submitted,

You're President

**Sven K. Hellwig Sr., CRL**

## Have a Happy Summer

Did you know that each King in a deck of playing cards represents a great King from history:  
 Spades = King David \*\*\*\* Hearts = Charlemagne \*\*\*\* Clubs = Alexander The Great  
 and Diamonds = Julius Caesar

\*\*\*\*\*

Do you know it is impossible to lick your elbow.

\*\*\*\*\*

Do you know that only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4,  
 They were John Hancock and Charles Thomson.  
 Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

\*\*\*\*\*

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented.

Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'.. .  
 the word GOLF entered Into the English language.

\*\*\*\*\*

Do you know that if you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you  
 would find the letter 'A'? ( Thousand )

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**At least 75% of people who read this page will try to lick their elbow!**

Riddle solution: Because it sit between AC

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 Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of classes desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time in Locksmithing: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Recipient? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ If yes when? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a few sentences telling us why you would like to be considered as a recipient for this Scholarship:  
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